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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. ~~76~~

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to certain recommendations
6 pending before the Civil Aeronautics
7 Board.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS an examiner of the Civil Aeronautics Board has recommended
10 changes in the routes from various points in Alaska to Seattle; and

11 WHEREAS this is the first time that route extensions to the south 48
12 states have been recommended for Wien Consolidated Airlines, a wholly Alaska-
13 based and controlled airline, whose service goes back 47 years in the
14 territory and state; and

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15 WHEREAS Wien employs in the neighborhood of 800 people in their Alaska
16 operation, and services approximately 9,800 route miles; and

17 WHEREAS all of the flying equipment and physical facilities of Wien are
18 located in Alaska and contribute to the economy through taxes and employment,
19 having grossed \$22 million in 1970; and

20 WHEREAS this company has three years of jet aircraft experience under
21 some of the most difficult operating conditions in the world, flying into
22 airports of marginal adequacy; and

23 WHEREAS the management and executive offices of the airlines are of
24 easy access to Alaskans; and

25 WHEREAS this company employs minorities to the extent of 25 per cent
26 of its payroll; and

27 WHEREAS the present route structure over which the company's present
28 four jets are operated is basically short haul by nature, and fuel and other
29 costs are high; and

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1 WHEREAS Wien would be in a position to provide one carrier service
2 from over 170 communities in Alaska to Seattle; and

3 WHEREAS the addition of long-haul passenger routes to this system would
4 improve the operating posture of the company through a reduction of unit
5 costs; and

6 WHEREAS the examiner's recommendation would create a \$40 million Alaska-
7 based industry which is in line with the State of Alaska's policy of economic
8 development;

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Civil Aero-
10 nautics Board is requested to, without prejudice to any other carrier
11 involved in the case, approve the examiner's recommendation as it concerns
12 the long-haul recommendations included in the examiner's report, keeping in
13 mind the desirability of maintaining competition wherever practical and
14 economical; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civil Aeronautics Board give due and proper
16 consideration to the air service needs of the bush areas of Alaska which do
17 not enjoy any means of transportation except by air, keeping in mind the
18 population in these areas are in the main of low-income status and require
19 reliable service at reasonable rates.

20 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Secor D.
21 Browne, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
22 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
23 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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